

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device comprising links that are open at the ends, joined together in pivoting fashion and can be angled relative to each other in at least two directions, said links being arranged one behind the other in the longitudinal direction of the cable-routing device and forming at least one guide channel by means of guide elements located radially outwards, where tensile force-absorbing pivoting joints are located between links joined together in pivoting fashion within the cable-routing device and the links each display corresponding joint elements, characterized in that at least one pivoting joint ~~(6, 7)~~ is designed in such a way that, in order to form and/or disconnect the pivoting joint, the respective links ~~(2)~~ and/or joint elements to be joined to one another and/or disconnected from one another can be joined and/or separated in a direction ~~(8)~~ that encloses an angle relative to the longitudinal axis ~~(9)~~ of the cable-routing device.

2. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to Claim 1, characterised in that the joint elements of links ~~2~~ joined together in pivoting fashion can be designed as a joint body ~~6~~, particularly a joint ball, and a joint body receptacle ~~7~~, particularly a ball socket.

3. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterised in that the direction ~~8~~ for connecting the links and/or the joint elements to form the pivoting joint and/or for disconnecting the pivoting joint encloses an angle of 45° to 135° with the longitudinal axis ~~9~~ of the cable-routing device.

4. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to Claim 2 ~~or 3~~, characterised in that the joint axes ~~6a, 11~~ of one or both joint elements ~~6, 7~~ are transverse to the longitudinal axis ~~9~~ of the cable-routing device.

5. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to one of Claim[[s]] 1 ~~to 4~~, characterised in that the joint elements ~~6, 7~~ are each supported by a

support ~~{15a,b}~~ and the supports of the two joint elements ~~{6, 7}~~ of a link are offset relative to each other in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis ~~{9}~~ of the cable-routing device.

6. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to ~~one~~ of Claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 5, characterised in that the pivoting joint is a snap-in connection.

7. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to ~~one~~ of Claim[[s]] 2 ~~to~~ 6, characterised in that at least one recess ~~{17}~~ is provided adjacent to a receiving opening ~~{18}~~ for the joint body in the joint body receptacle, extending in its longitudinal direction at least partially around the circumference of the receptacle ~~{10}~~.

8. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to ~~one~~ of Claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 7, characterised in that links are provided that are provided with at least one brace ~~{16, 30}~~, extending transverse to the longitudinal direction of the cable-routing device and possibly bearing a guide element ~~{3}~~, and in that the brace ~~{16, 30}~~ displays at least one opening ~~{19, 20, 31}~~ extending in the

longitudinal direction of the cable-routing device, which can optionally serve to accommodate a line or other device within the cable-routing device.

9. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to Claim 8, characterised in that the brace is designed as a base ~~(16)~~.
10. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to one of Claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~—9, characterised in that the links each display only one guide element ~~(3)~~, which extends at least around almost the entire circumference of the cable-routing device.
11. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to one of Claim[[s]] 2 ~~to~~—10, characterised in that the joint body receptacle ~~(7)~~ is provided with an opening ~~(22)~~, into which a tool for disassembling the joint body can be inserted.
12. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to Claim 11, characterised in that the opening ~~(22)~~ displays a shoulder ~~(23)~~, a distance away from the

inside of the joint body receptacle, against which a tool can be positioned in the manner of a lever.

13. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to one of Claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 12, characterised in that the links are of one-piece design.
14. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to one of Claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 13, characterised in that the links form a tubular section that is closed around the entire circumference, apart from at least one slit-type opening (5) extending over the entire length of the link, where appropriate.
15. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to one of Claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 14, characterised in that the links (2) display a rotationally symmetrical envelope and end areas (25), overlapping in the longitudinal direction of the cable-routing device, that are designed as spherical cap-like sections.
16. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to one of Claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 15, characterised in that at least one, or all, of the pivoting joints (6, 7)

can be disconnected independently of other pivoting joints, completely disconnecting the cable-routing device.

17. (Currently Amended) Cable-routing device according to ~~one~~ ~~of~~ Claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 16, characterised in that at least one guide element ~~(3)~~ of a link displays at least one, preferably closable, opening ~~(5)~~ or predetermined breaking point for radially inward insertion of a tool into the cable-routing device for disconnecting at least one pivoting joint of the link.